

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Raymond Travis Ely and I am writing in regard to your consideration that the requirement of telcos to provide network access to ISPs be dropped. This is absolutely WRONG. You must have some understanding that this would be terrible for consumers of all sorts that get high bandwidth access from ISPs. Several years ago I have a dial up account with a large telco. It was the WORST service I had ever experieced. I found a local ISP for internet access and was not only satisfied with the customer service, but was amazed that the actual network was more reliable and faster than the large telco. I now have DSL access through my local ISP and am thrilled with every aspect of the service.

Blocking ISPs from access will drive up cost to consumers and degrade service by eliminating competition. Real competition that is coming from small ISPs. Why do you think the telcos have been fighting so hard to cut ISPs out of the loop?

Sincerely,

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